

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

v. :

BERNADETTE GEORGE : **CRIMINAL NO. 04 - ____**

: **VIOLATIONS:**
: **15 U.S.C. § 2615(b)(Toxic Substances**
: **Control Act – 1 count)**
: **18 U.S.C. § 2 (Aiding, abetting and**
: **causing a crime – 1 count)**

INFORMATION

Count 1

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

1. Defendant BERNADETTE GEORGE was the principal of Delcroft Elementary School in Folcroft, Pennsylvania. This school is part of the Southeast Delco School District.
2. Delcroft Elementary School and the Southeast Delco School District are local education agencies which are subject to federal laws and regulations concerning the handling of materials which contain asbestos. These laws include the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (“AHERA”), which is part of the Toxic Substances Control Act.
3. Under AHERA, every local education agency must ensure that any worker who handles asbestos is properly trained, accredited and protected.
4. On or about June 14, 2002, defendant BERNADETTE GEORGE directed an employee of the school district to rip up and remove floor tiles in the lobby of Delcroft Elementary School, knowing that these tiles contained asbestos.

5. Defendant BERNADETTE GEORGE knew that the employee whom she directed to remove the asbestos-containing tiles was not accredited to perform such actions.

6. On or about June 14, 2002, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

BERNADETTE GEORGE

knowingly or willfully violated, and aided, abetted and caused a violation of a provision of Section 2614 of the Toxic Substances Control Act and the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act by failing to comply with a regulation promulgated under those laws, namely with Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 763.90(g), by directing an employee of the school district to remove asbestos-containing tiles, knowing that the worker was not accredited to conduct such a response action.

In violation of Title 15, United States Code, Section 2615(b) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

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